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FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND

Mr. Little of Arkansas Presents a Scheme for Betterment of Indian Territory Schools.

One of the proposed amendments offered by Mr. Little of Arkansas contemplates the adoption of a school system for the Indian Territory, a plan to that has been considered at length by the officials of the Interior Department and the Indian bureau. At present there are no high schools in the territory except such as are maintained by subscriptions. Mr. Little's amendment provides that the Dawes commission is authorized to segregate 500,000 acres of coal and asphalt land in the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations and ascertain if they can be secured by the government at a suitable price. If this can be done it is proposed to have the land purchased by the government and sold at auction, the proceeds to be devoted to the establishment of a school fund for the territory for both white and Indian pupils. The coal lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations are as valuable as any land of the kind in the country. Investigation has shown the 500,000 acres in question is underlaid with coal veins from 4 to 6 feet in depth, and of the finest quality. It is estimated that the interest on a fund derived from the sale of these lands would furnish a yearly income of nearly \$1,000,000 for the schools of the territory. The committee unanimously recommend the adoption of the amendment. An amendment was also adopted providing that in the laundries in the Indian schools there shall hereafter be enough of the work done by hand to teach the female pupils the art of laundry work. Under the present system the laundry work is all done by machinery, and female graduates of the Indian schools are unable to iron a collar after they graduate.

BURNED THEIR TOOLS.

Another Raid By the United States Marshal at Chickasha, I. T.

The United States Marshal, Chris Madsen, and a constable "rounded up" more gamblers last week at Chickasha, when the tables, faro lay-outs and interior furnishings of "No. 66" were broken to pieces with axes, piled in the middle of Chickasha avenue and burned in the presence of a large crowd.

Every other gambling place in Chickasha closed. This is the third raid within a week and the federal officers are becoming exasperated. As soon as the raids are over and things quiet down again the gamblers bring new fixtures into the dives through secret entrances and resume the game as usual. Some of the paraphernalia destroyed last week was valuable and the gamblers cannot stand the cost of replacing it many more times.

V. FISHBACK DEAD.

Noted Figure in Arkansas Politics.

Had been received from Ex-Governor Fishback at the time of his arrest. Fishback is a noted figure in Arkansas politics. In whose ability was unquestioned and whose integrity was never doubted even by those who differed with him politically. His death will be sincerely regretted.

Black bills of sale at this office.

TWO WERE KILLED.

Deputy Marshals Make a Raid on Horse Thieves Near Blue Jacket and Bloody Battle Ensued.

Dock Wattenberger was killed, and Jim Stevens mortally wounded at the home of the former two miles east of Blue Jacket at an early hour Saturday morning. Capt. G. S. White and Ike Gilstrap with a force of deputies, including a deputy sheriff from Oklahoma, went to the Wattenberger place and demanded the surrender of the inmates and after much parleying Dock Wattenberger came out and opened fire on the officers and was killed by a fusillade from the men. The Stevens' fired from within the building and Jim Stevens was mortally wounded and a younger brother captured. A number of horses that are supposed to have been stolen in Oklahoma were found and identified before the attempt was made to arrest the men. After the house was surrounded and the men asked to surrender the women said that a light would be made and the door opened, but the men could be heard loading their guns and the officers got ready for the fray when Wattenberger appeared in the doorway, firing as he came. The deceased is well known here having lived near Adair on a farm several years. The body of the deceased was turned over to the family, and the wounded man also left there at their request. Owners of the stolen stock have been notified in Oklahoma and will come and identify and claim their property.

BOUGHT A STOLEN TEAM.

Fred Kelley Loses \$160 On An Old Purchase.

The killing of Dock Wattenberger is bringing about a settlement of some old scores. In 1901 Fred Kelley bought a span of horses from Wattenberger, and later sold them to J. W. Cunningham, the drayman. The new Wattenberger's death has brought the owner of these horses from Oklahoma who, after establishing ownership, set a price of \$150 on the team, rather than lead the horses back to Oklahoma. This offer not being at once accepted the price rose to \$160 and Mr. Kelley bought the team without further delay.

It is related that Wattenberger went through the country with a chicken coop, some chairs and a supply of similar "plunder" in his wagon, generally drawn by a hard looking team. In this way enabled to "spot" such horses and mules as might serve his purpose and then appropriate them at his convenience.

The marshal went to Wattenberger's home a day or two since and brought in a number of horses, some of which, at least, it is fair to presume may have been stolen.

CHEROKEE COUNCIL BILLS.

Measures Approved and Disapproved By the President.

The executive office of the Cherokee nation Tuesday received the information that the bill providing for a commission to negotiate a supplemental treaty with the Dawes Commission had been disapproved by the president. Also the election bill and the school bill.

The bills approved are as follows: appropriation bills, insane asylum, Cherokee Advocate, council expenses, blind school. To defray expenses of delegation to attend convention at Eufaula. To pay salary of J. C. Starr, attorney before the Dawes commission in the year 1900.

MUSKOGEE GETS IT.

Next Meeting of the Indian Territory Press Association Meeting Will be Held in That City on April 23, 24 and 25.

The executive committee of the Indian Territory Press Association met at Muskogee Monday in the rooms of the chamber of commerce. Mr. J. C. B. Lindsay of the Wagoner Daily Sayings, president of the association, Mr. J. K. Whitmore, of the Choctaw Enquirer, secretary and Editor Henry P. Robbins, of the South McAlester News constituting the members of the committee present.

Mr. T. P. Smith, as president of the Muskogee Chamber of Commerce, welcomed those present to the city and spoke briefly of the desire of that city to act as a host to the convention. Mr. Smith then introduced Mr. C. L. Jackson who spoke at length on the advantages of the convention in Muskogee and submitted a program including a suitable hall or opera house, committee rooms, music, ball and banquet, the services of a band and the hearty welcome of Muskogee people.

An informal ballot indicated that Muskogee would win and the vote was taken and that city was the unanimous choice. The date was fixed as Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 23, 24, and 25.

Protect the Fullbloods.

Self-interest seems to be uppermost in the minds of many of our citizens regarding the settlement of our landed estate. Some of our people who appeared most anxious for a fair and equitable adjustment, by agreement, certainly have forgotten, now that allotment has become a reality, the arguments they used to bring it about. The idea with the excessive land holders in furtherance of the beneficial plan of giving the poor fullblood what is due him is by way of five year leases (exclusive use to give). Generally, the improvements on these lands consist of a one-wire fence. Self-interest is an inherent element in human nature, but from what has been said by advocates of allotment for years one would have inferred that such interest would be laid aside, for a time, and the fullblood given his share, without any conditions attached. We were led to believe that the main consideration in the desire for a settlement was to give each citizen his share, and assisting in bringing improvement over the conditions existing under ownership in common. Unquestionably, such was the desire of a majority. After the lapse of about three months, that excessive land holders could, with the sanction of law, dispose of their surplus by exacting a year lease in payment for improvements not worth one year's rent, is beyond comprehension. If the fullbloods and others were getting a fair compensation for these leases, then it would be a different proposition. Accustomed to defying and evading laws, the excessive land holders are inspired with courage to attempt to do so longer. The fact is, the time is passed when they could justly demand compensation for their surplus lands. The few fullbloods who have appeared at the land office to take their allotments and have been looking for land are confronted with this condition. It is the duty of every honest man to see that no such advantages are taken of the fullbloods, whom the agreement was intended to protect. Let the fullblood have his allotment, with as few conditions attached to it as possible. In other words, give him adequate consideration for the use of his land.

A CITIZEN.

What comfort in the thought that you have a Cole's Hot Blast stove, for they are coal savers.

STATEHOOD BILL TALK.

Compromise Bill Agreed Upon by Republican Senators Likely to Pass.

Statehood advocates are considerably agitated over the compromise that has been reached by republican senators, providing for the admission of New Mexico and Arizona, under the name of Arizona, and for the admission of Oklahoma, with the provision that the Indian Territory shall become a part of the state when the Indian lands have been all allotted and made subject to taxation. The question that is bothering the statehood boomers now is whether they shall accept or fight the compromise.

The democratic senators have not decided which course they shall pursue, but it is generally believed that they will not filibuster against the bill, or seek to have its passage delayed. It is believed that the statehood supporters will be brought to gracefully accept the proposed compromise measure.

If the bill in its compromise form is passed by the Senate it is believed that the House will accept it.

Cherokee Mineral Lands.

The Spawna Mining company has been incorporated and granted a charter and is now ready to do business on a sound basis.

This company is composed of local parties and has valuable mineral holdings in the Cherokee nation. O. P. Brower is president of the new company; M. K. Thompson vice-president; Henry Effert, secretary; W. D. Brewer, treasurer; and William T. Hutchings, attorney.

The company has a capital stock of \$50,000 half of which is paid up. Over 6,000 acres of land in the Delaware district, Cherokee nation has been secured by this company and they will begin developing it at once. The land is allotted and owned by the members of the company. It is believed that there is a fine lead and zinc ore in the hills of the Cherokee nation as there is in the Missouri-Kansas district and the company has faith in its property and will spend money developing it.

The croppings show as fine grade of ore as can be found anywhere and it is believed that mines will soon be developed there that will rival the famous Rubber Neck Circle, John Jackson and Lead Hill mines at Joplin. Muskogee Times.

A Liberal Offer.

All our farmer readers should take advantage of the unprecedented clubbing offer we this year make, which includes with this paper the Live Stock Indicator, its Special Farmers' Institute Editions and the Poultry Farmer. These three publications are the best of their class and should be in every farm home. To them we add, for local, district and general news, our own paper, and make the price of the four only \$1.25. Never before was so much superior reading matter offered for so small an amount of money. The three papers named, which we club with our paper, are well known throughout the West, and commend themselves to the reader's favorable attention upon mere mention. The Live Stock Indicator is the great agricultural and live stock paper of the West. The Poultry Farmer is the most practical poultry paper for the farmer, while the Special Farmers' Institute Editions are the most practical publications for the promotion of good farming ever published. Take advantage of this great offer, as it will hold good for a short time only. Samples of these papers may be examined by calling at this office.

W. F.

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What the Papers Say.

In discussing city finances at the last meeting of the council, Mayor Spaulding declared himself in favor of expending money for the improvement of the city.

He said that no town had ever been made a city by a niggardly policy. The Times believes he is eminently correct in this position. It believes that a dollar spent now and judiciously spent, in improving the city, will accrue to the city's interest ten-fold within two years. Right now is the time when money spent will make a city out of this town. Already it leads all other Territory towns. The only way to keep it in the lead is to keep improving. Everyone knows that it takes money to get improvements, but it is a business proposition. Muskogee Times.

Speaking of journalistic amenities here's a gem jerked from the Weatherford Chronicle and submitted without a glossary: "The ridiculous little loggerhead across the way who figures as editor of Vol. No. 4 keeps nibbling at our book and were our space as worthless as his we'd jerk him and land him away back. The fact is, the vermiculous little dwarf grew in the shade on an overcrowded vine and was pulled so green he never matured. His microcephalous cranium is indicative of defective intellect. The common pride of a gentleman impels us to refrain from doing anything rash, as the game is entirely too small for the caliber of our gun."

The Eufaula Journal, speaking of a rival paper, says: "If the brains of the editor were of dynamite, they would be insufficient to blow his hat over his eyes."

A Missouri newspaper man and an undertaker are together looking over Oklahoma for a good place to plant something, and the Alva Courier remarks that it is the first time on record a prospective country publisher had sense enough to prepare in advance for the demise of his sheet.

The Capital, dares to print this story: She was from Boston, he from Oklahoma. "You have traveled a good deal in the West, have you not, Miss Beacon?" "Oh yes, indeed—in California and Arizona and even in New Mexico." "Did you ever see the Cherokee strip?" There was a painful silence, but finally she looked over her glasses at him and said: "In the first place, sir, I deem your question exceedingly rude; in the second, you might have been more refined in your language by asking me if I had ever seen the Cherokee diorite."

California—Low Rates.

Beginning February 15th, the M. K. & T. Ry. will sell Colonist Tickets to California at very low rates, viz: St. Louis, \$20; Kansas City, \$25. Tourist Car through to San Francisco leaves St. Louis each Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. Ask any Katy agent or address JAMES BARKER, Gen'l Pass. Agent, M. K. & T. Ry., 202 Wainwright Bldg St. Louis.

The Coming Country.

No section of the country is coming to the front as rapidly as the Indian Territory. From the Land of the Indian it is slowly but surely being transformed into the White Man's Paradise. You know what Oklahoma has done—the Indian Territory is bound to outstrip Oklahoma. Write for particulars. JAMES BARKER, Gen'l Pass. Agent, M. K. & T. Ry., 202 Wainwright Bldg., St. Louis.

For Sale.

Four 4-foot show cases, in good condition. Will be sold cheap. Junco Store.

A span of cheap mules for sale, or would trade for a good horse. Call at Gunter's sale stable.

THE OLD RELIABLE



There is no substitute

May Not Build Jails.

Major E. V. LaDow, of the department of justice, Washington, is at Muskogee in consultation with Marshal Bennett regarding the jail facilities in his district. The department is desirous of erecting some cheap buildings that will answer the purpose for a few years until conditions change in the Territory. It seems quite probable that the jails authorized to be erected at Vinita, Muskogee, South McAlester and Ardmore may not materialize, or at least not on the magnitude originally contemplated.

A Thousand Dollars Thrown Away.

Mr. W. W. Baker, of Plainview, Tex., writes: "My wife had lung trouble for over fifteen years. We tried a number of doctors and spent over a thousand dollars without any relief. She was very low and I lost all hope, when a friend suggested trying Foley's Honey and Tar which I did; and thanks to this great remedy, it saved her life. She is stronger and enjoys better health than she has ever known in ten years. We shall never be without Foley's Honey and Tar and would ask those afflicted to try it." Sold by Shanahan & Mitchell.

Marriage Licenses.

G. A. Alloway-Hattie Cline, Calcutta. I. N. Vetter-Emma Jane Field, Chickasha. Geo. Richardson-Ida Kellenberger, Okfuskee. Willard Weddel-Cora Martin, Vinita. Fred Warren-Nettie Todd, Vinita. James Heunessy-Flora Parker, Vinita. Rider Vann-Laura Bell Dotson.

The Rev. I. B. Hicks Almanac for 1903, a copy of which we have, is certainly a splendid, artistically printed, luminously illustrated book. The storm and weather forecasts of Prof. Hicks, now too well known to need comment, are given fully in this fine book of nearly 200 pages. No family or business house should be without it. Send 30c in stamps to "Word and Works Pub. Co., 2201 Locust street, St. Louis, Mo., with your address, and you will get a copy by return mail.

Tom Jones Convicted.

Tom Jones was Friday morning convicted of murder in the first degree, the jury adding the clause, "without capital punishment" to the verdict. The trial of the case occupied less than one day and the jury reached a verdict without difficulty.

Cured Consumption.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months; the doctors stated he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup and it cured him. That was six years ago, and since then we always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds, it has no equal." 25c 50c and \$1 at People's drug store.

Married.

Fred Warren of Fairland and Miss Nettie Todd, of this place, were united in marriage yesterday at the home of Mrs. Ed Miller, Rev. Roberts officiating. The bridal couple will make their home at Fairland.

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. H. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for burns, bruises, skin eruptions and piles. 25c at People's and A. W. Foreman's drug stores.

Mothers can safely give Foley's Honey and Tar to their children for coughs and colds, for it contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by Shanahan & Mitchell.